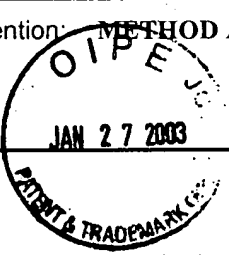
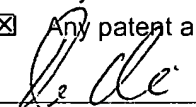





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| Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING CROSS-BENEFITS VIA A CENTRAL AUTHORITY   |                                     |                             |   |         |                   |   |  |   |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |
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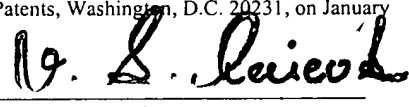
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Communication mailed January 13, 2003, (Paper No. 22), entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks into the above identified application is respectfully requested.